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Community remains key for LPPD's "National Night Out" activities



**Various Neighborhood gatherings, as well as a Police Open House
were but a few of the event activities**

On Tuesday October 7th, the citizens of La Porte joined members of the Police, Fire, and EMS Department in celebrating National Night Out. As in previous years, the occasion was highlighted by the Police Department's annual open house. However, several neighborhood gatherings were also held throughout the community and were attended by personnel from the City's Emergency Services as well as members of City Council.

This year's residential National Night Out events in La Porte varied depending on the neighborhood. Some neighborhoods hosted block parties, complete with food and refreshments, while other community members planned their events in nearby parks, advertising it within HOA newsletters weeks before the event. Other residents simply gathered among centrally-located neighborhood homes and socialized as children played.

In addition to over 200 citizens attending such neighborhood-centered outreach efforts, nearly 500 citizens visited the Police Department's open house at the Herbert Freeman Police facility. Open house attractions included guided tours of the police department, courtesy of the police department's dedicated Citizen Police Academy volunteer staff and Youth Explorer Post. Other displays and demonstrations were provided by emergency services personnel from the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and the Port of Houston Police Department, with added local participation from members of LPPD's Communications Division, Crime Victim's Services, Bomb Squad, SWAT, DARE Program, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Animal



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Control, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the La Porte Municipal Court. Furthermore, staff representatives from Beacon Federal Credit Union, Lyondell-Basell, Air Products, Bayshore Hospital, Greater Houston Search and Rescue, as well as area Union Pacific Railroad represented local business involvement. Representing area support units were local sections of the U.S. Army, Coast Guard, and members of the La Porte Fire Department's ladies auxiliary. Food and refreshments included 100 pizzas provided by the La Porte Police Officer's Association & Beacon Credit Union, ice cream from Air Products, and a virtually endless supply of water from local Kroger grocery stores and Martin Marine Services. Lil Jack's Moonwalks also returned for another year, providing recreational activities for the attendees at the police facility. Each entity is commended, as all services and refreshments were provided free of charge.

National Night Out gives residents an opportunity to intermingle in a setting close to home, and showcases another example of how the La Porte Police Department strives to foster positive relationships and promote safer neighborhoods. For more information on the department's involvement in their community, contact LPPD's Support Services Division at 281-842-3183.